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1. The Kimpersaiski (50°45'N, 58°E), Kazakhstan, nickel mines are among the best nickel mines in the USSR. The five nickel content is 1.4%. The mining is open-cast at a depth of 7-20 meters. The ore is transported by rail 80 km. to the Orsk smelting works.

2. The mines are run by a trust, which is sub-divided according to the three mines in this area:

- a. Kimpersaiski - Taitkent
b. Kimpersaiski - East
c. Batanshah

Tailmont produced an average of 20-25 60-ton carloads per day. Tailmont began operating in 1946.

3. Kimpersaaiski came into being in 1943. Approximately 3,500 Ukrainians were transported to the then open steppe, which is 700 meters above sea level, and told to erect a camp. In 1944, German PWs were brought there, and the Ukrainians who survived the winter were formed into Kimpersaaiski settlement. In autumn 1945, the PWs were granted the same pay and food as Russian workers. This was 1,000 g. low-quality bread, 20 g. fat (normally expressed cotton residue), 50 g. meat, 100 g. "Nährmittel", and 1 lb. sugar per month. Sanitary conditions in the camp were appalling: 50% of the inhabitants were stricken with dysentery, typhus, and spotted fever. The commandant was Major Lavrov; head of the mines was Popov. Machines and equipment were all of [] origin. When [] supplies ceased in 1945, spare parts were made locally but this practice led to a number of difficulties. []

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